

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

AS IT EXISTS AT PRESENT IN KANSAS.

The Arguments Used Against Woman Suffrage Are Applied Only to Women, Says This Lady Writer—She Reviews the Situation in Kansas.

Throughout the United States the newspapers are making big capital out of the crusade of Mrs. Nation and her followers, and the fact that women, having municipal suffrage in Kansas, have not been able to enforce the laws through the ballot, thereby proving the failure of woman suffrage. Miss Anthony is quoted as saying: "In Kansas, since 1887, Mrs. Nation, with all the women in the 286 cities of the State, has had the right to vote for mayor, for the members of the common council and for every other officer of the municipality. Women, equally with men, have the responsibility. Therefore the duty of Mrs. Nation and all the women of Kansas is to register and vote for men and women only who will pledge themselves publicly to do their duty and to retire to private life every officer who has failed to show his hand." Almost without exception, the papers have omitted the most important portion of her statement, which puts the question in an entirely different light. The portion omitted is this: "But the same legislature that gave women the right to vote passed a law giving the governor the power to appoint, in the first and second class cities, three police commissioners to take charge of the enforcement of the laws for the suppression of the saloons, brothels and gambling houses. The women soon learned that it made no difference for whom they voted. No city official would do ought to enforce the law. The saloon went on free, whichever party was in power. The women had no political influence with the governor, while every boot-legger, every jointist, every saloonist and every mother's son, no matter how low, drunken or besotted, had a direct vote for him. In 1896 the law giving the governor power to appoint commissioners was repealed. Since then the cities of the first and second class have had the burden of the enforcement or non-enforcement of the laws thrown back into the hands of the people." It will be seen that for twelve years after the granting of municipal suffrage women were allowed no voice in choosing the officers whose duty it was to enforce the laws, and during this time the "jointists" became thoroughly entrenched in Kansas. The women have voted only once under the new law. Therefore, because women at one election have not been able to overcome with the ballot the evil that has been allowed to grow for years by men, "woman suffrage is a failure." Why is it that it does not prove man suffrage to be a failure when the prohibition men fail to enforce their prohibition laws? We do not hear this used as an argument against allowing prohibition men to vote. It is only an argument against prohibition when the voter is a man, but if the voter happens to be a woman it shows conclusively that woman suffrage is a failure. This kind of logic is illustrated aptly by the story of the boy who saw his little sister eating an apple which he wanted all to himself. He rushed up to her with a look of horror on his face, exclaiming: "You mustn't eat that apple! It will give you the cholera morbus." The little girl threw the apple away, whereupon the boy picked it up and began eating it. The little girl in astonishment cried, "Don't eat it; it will give you the cholera morbus." "Oh, no, it only gives girls the cholera morbus," said he. This is a fair sample of the arguments used by the opposers of woman suffrage. They apply only to women.—Elmore Monroe Babcock, N. A. W. S. A., in New York Press.

Rafia Fiber in Madagascar.

Rafia fiber is a staple article of commerce in Madagascar. The Hovas use the under part of the leaf split very fine as a warp, with a weft of white silk, producing an article called sik-lamba, which is sold both in Europe and America. The coast tribes use it for clothing, but of coarse quality, with dyed stripes of indigo, saffron, black and a dirty green. It is a cold, comfortable looking material, and when two natives come down a road clad in new rafia shirts the noise produced is somewhat similar to that of two wire meat covers rubbing together.

Ebb and Flow of Nations.

A hundred years ago Spain was greater in possessions and population than the United States, but during the century just ended its fortunes were long at an ebb and the flood has been with the United States. Similar changes have gone on in other nations and in other parts of the world. China has had the ebb; Japan has had the flow.

She Promotes Irish Interests.

The philanthropies of the countess of Aberdeen have extended until they reach the different continents. She began her work with farm hands and estate servants, but this field soon proved too narrow for her energies. Her chief interest is promoting Irish interests and in providing comforts and medical care for backwoods women.

Arrests in Cleveland last year numbered 19,923, as compared with 15,674 in 1899, and 14,402 in 1898.

BOAST A LANDED GENTRY.

Mexicans Cling with Wonderful Tenacity to Their Broad Acres.

The tenacity with which the great estates of Mexico are maintained intact by the old families of this country appears all the more remarkable when it is considered how generally all lines of industry, aside from that of the farmer, are in the hands of foreigners. The dry goods trade of Mexico is controlled by the French, the Spaniards of Mexico are the country's grocers, the Germans do the hardware business, the railroads are controlled by American and English, the bank stock of Mexico is largely owned in France, Germany and England, and a large percentage of the industrial concerns of the country belong to foreigners. Not so, however, the agricultural resources of Mexico. During recent years a great deal of American capital has entered the republic for investment in tropical plantations, particularly in southern Mexico, but the great bulk of Mexico's rural lands is held in the form of extensive haciendas or ranches, often hundreds of thousands of acres in extent. Some of these estates have been handed down in the same families for nearly 100 years, not a few titles tracing their origin back to the first grants from the king of Spain after the conquest. The aristocracy of Mexico is counted among these landed proprietors, many of whom enjoy princely incomes from their plantations, which often produce a great variety of products and embrace several manufacturing plants. It is largely due to the fact that the tax upon land of this character is comparatively very light that these estates have so long remained undivided, as, in most instances, only a small percent of their area is under cultivation. As in many states the levy is practically only a tax upon products, the unused acres are no great burden. There are, naturally, those who desire to see these tracts taxed so that the owners will be forced to sell at least portions of them and the land of the country divided among a larger number of small proprietors. Such a measure would be vigorously opposed by the wealthy landed proprietors, and such is the number and importance of this class that no active measure of this kind has ever been promulgated.—Modern Mexico.

Sees a Lesson in Fiction.

Two hundred young women braved yesterday's rain to attend the Sunday afternoon "open door" session of the Chicago Woman's Club in the Fine Arts building, says the Chicago Tribune. Miss Clara Dixon presided and introduced the speakers. Carl Lambert gave several selections on the violin, accompanied by Mrs. Favorite. Miss Bingham sang. Martha Foote Crow of Northwestern University delivered the principal address, speaking on "The Studies of Modern Fiction." "The inspiration for a higher life in this world come from literature," she said. "I think I understand the terrible loneliness of the working girl in a great city. She may have friends, but then there is a feeling of being alone when she looks about her. I think I see a gradual movement among men and women to extend a helping hand to all these brothers and sisters who may need it. There is none of us but who needs some kind of help. The literature of today I believe more truly reflects the conditions, hopes and ambitions of the people than the literature of any other age."

John Chinaman's Limited Chance.

"The life of a Chinaman is circumscribed. He can have no genuine ambition. He can never climb the ladder of fame or fortune without dragging his clan with him. There is no such thing as starting as an office boy and ending as the president of a railroad, or of beginning life as a newsboy and rounding off his career as the governor of a province. There is no such thing as a son attaining a fortune in trade and living in a city mansion while his aged father lives on the old farm and rejoices in still being independent of his son's help. The boy chooses neither his occupation nor his home nor his heirs nor his companions. They are all prepared for him and he never dreams of acting independently in anything.—Ganton's Magazine.

Why Wedding Breakfast?

"In all my experience of wedding breakfasts," said a guest at a wedding, "I have never understood why the feast was called a breakfast and not a luncheon. Now I have learned. It is from the custom of the Church of England, where the bride and bridegroom always receive the holy communion before the ceremony, receive it fasting and remain fasting until after the wedding ceremony, when the meal which is served is really a breakfast.—New York Times.

Congestion of the Veins.

Dark rings around the eyes result from congestion of veins. This is nearly always a consequence of debility, temporary or chronic. The immediate cause may be study, sleeplessness or worry. The best local treatment is prolonged cold-water bathing. But all these cases demand constitutional measures.

Odynerus Biremiscautus.

Mr. Daech at a recent meeting of scientists in Philadelphia exhibited a wasp nest from Bloomfield, N. J., from which he obtained three specimens of Odynerus biremiscautus. He also exhibited galls of Andricus corniger, from which specimens of Sessa scitula had emerged.

SAYINGS and DOINGS

Echo of an Ante-Bellum Days.

The death at Columbia, S. C., of the widow of Preston S. Brooks recalls the sensation caused in 1856 when Brooks, then a representative in Congress from South Carolina, pounded Senator Chas. Sumner into insensibility as the latter sat in his seat in the Senate chamber. At the time the "civil war in Kansas" was at its height, Senator Sumner on May 22 delivered a speech in the Senate which deeply incensed the members of Congress from South Carolina, from which state many of the pro-slavery army which invaded Kansas started. After the Senate had adjourned, and while Senator Sumner still sat in his seat Congressman Brooks entered the Senate chamber, Charles Sumner, and, approaching from the back, struck him, repeatedly over the head with a heavy cane until he fell unconscious. Friends of Mr. Brooks from the South accompanied him, and, with drawn revolvers, prevented the other senators from protecting Mr. Sumner from the brutal assault. Afterwards, during a debate in the lower house of Congress, hot words passed between Brooks and Anson Burlingame of Massachusetts, as a result of which the latter was challenged to fight a duel. He accepted, and Canada was chosen as the place of meeting, with rifles as weapons. Brooks failed to appear at the appointed time, and was branded as a coward by newspapers and public sentiment throughout the North. As a result he resigned his seat, but was unanimously re-elected and received many testimonials from various parts of the South.



Mistaken in the Taylor.

Former Governor R. L. Taylor of Tennessee while in Knoxville a few days ago, says a correspondent of the Nashville Banner, told this joke at his own expense partly, and partly at the expense of a Pennsylvania mountain community:

"I had been billed several days to speak in a little town which had only one railroad and which was in a mountainous section. I dreaded the place because I did not expect a crowd. I reached the town and fully 1,000 people were out to see me. A committee of the most prominent men in the town met me with a carriage and a brass band. 'Yankee Doodle' was played many times, but 'Dixie' was never thought of. The spokesman for the party told me that he was glad to welcome to the town a man who had been so badly treated by the Democrats, and who was entitled to the office of Governor beyond all doubt. His statements were applauded and I wondered how I had been mistreated. But I held my peace and waited. I was called upon by men of all classes, who assured me that I had been elected beyond all doubt. I thanked every one for his kindness in the matter. I was told that I would have a big house that night, and sure enough I did."

"The chairman, rose and said: 'I take pleasure in introducing a man who has been cheated out of the Governorship of Kentucky, and who did not kill Goebel. I welcome a martyr of Democratic infamy in our midst, and he is surely welcome.'"

"I delivered my lecture and the mistake was never known while I was there. I left on the first train, which left fifteen minutes after the close of my lecture. I will never lecture in the town again."

Telescopic Sight for Shooters.

The corps of sharpshooters now on duty in the Philippines has just been equipped with telescopic sights for their rifles. Experiments with the new sights have been carried on for the last six months

by the Army Board of Ordnance, and it has been found that the Krag-Jorgensen rifle is as effective with the telescopic sight in use at a range of 2,000 yards as at 500 yards with the ordinary sights. It is expected that the telescopic sight will be especially valuable in the dark and shadowy jungles of the tropical forest in the Philippines. It has also been found effective in foggy and misty weather, enabling the marksman to see clearly objects which are altogether obscured otherwise. The telescopic sight selected is one which magnifies twelve diameters. It is of practically universal focus, and therefore does not need readjustment for different marksmen or for different ranges.

Farmer Boys and the City.

In spite of advice and admonition to the contrary, ambitious country boys will continue to come to the city so long as it offers them a broader field of action and greater hopes of large rewards. The men who are now trying to persuade the farmer's boy to stay on the farm may not accomplish much, but they will certainly do no harm. The boy who is likely to succeed in the city will come in spite of them, while perhaps they will be able to keep some of the probable failures out of the strain and struggle of city competition.

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